



January 9, 2012

Honorable President Bernard Young
Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: **Council Bill # 11-0005R Greater Community Involvement in Recreation and Parks Project Planning**

Dear President Young:

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks has no objection to the intent of City Council Bill # 11-0005R which is for the purpose of urging the Department of Recreation and Parks to reevaluate the process it uses to plan and prepare projects in neighborhoods throughout Baltimore with an eye toward finding more ways to involve community groups in that process as early and often as possible.

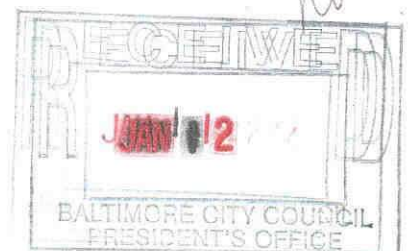
The Department of Recreation and Parks is interested in all opportunities to communicate with the communities we serve. It is our aim to garner the input and support of those who will be the end-users and recipients of our projects and services. Heretofore, we have gained input through community association notifications and meeting as well as through presentations during our Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meetings. Opportunities for community input are also available through BCRP's collaborations with the Department of Planning and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods. Through the Internet and various social media we are now able to reach a broader section of the public which always for immediate feedback on issues directly impacting communities.

BCRP certainly understands the value of empowering communities to express their wishes and concerns regarding our efforts that impact their everyday lives. As a human services driven entity BCRP will continue to seek and enhance our ability to maintain a two-way communication style that provides communities their privilege to experience input in issues the effect them.

Therefore, the Department of Recreation and Parks has no objection to the intent of City Council Bill #11-0005R.

Respectfully yours,

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cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to the Mayor's Office

